

Iron County Register

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SHOWERS. MISSOURI.

J. Lathrop Allen, who made the first band instrument in the United States is still living in New York at the age of 90.

The czar of Russia, who is considerably below the average height of men, is fully a head shorter than the czarina.

Europe has a population of about 355,000,000, or about one-fourth of that of the whole world. Belgium has the densest population.

It is estimated that for perfumery purposes each year 1,800 tons of orange flowers, 930 tons of roses, 150 tons each of violets and pinks, 75 tons of tuberose, 30 tons of cassia and 15 tons of jonquils are used.

A London dispatch says that the Egyptian government has resolved to construct a barrage at Assuan at a cost of \$12,000,000. Assuan is 100 miles below Assuan. When the new barrage is completed it is estimated that 240 miles more on either side of the Nile will be brought under perennial irrigation.

Residents of Buena Vista, Pa., on the Youghiogheny river, are puzzled by a bird captured by David McBeth. The bird appears to be a hybrid between an eagle and a duck. It measures five feet from tip of one wing to the other, and has a head and web feet like a duck. Its bill, however, is like a duck's, and its color is steel gray.

The largest area of coal lands in the United States, 98,000 square miles, is that of the interior west, which covers nearly half of Missouri, extends north into Iowa, south into Arkansas, Indiana Territory and Texas, and west into Kansas and Nebraska. What is called the central coal field, 47,000 square miles, is in Illinois, Indiana and Western Kentucky.

The Marquis de DeLion, who is quite a figure in Paris, socially, mechanically and commercially, has just built what he calls a "motor villa," which contains dining, drawing, bath and bedrooms, and a kitchen, the whole thing being operated by an electric motor which moves the "villa" along the highways at the rate of seven or eight miles per hour.

The suggestion has been made that a triple alliance to insure the peace of the world should be formed by Great Britain, France and the United States. This should prove a most effective combination. It would bring into unison one-third of the population of the globe, with a fighting force of 4,700,000 men and 1,056 battleships. Japan would doubtless co-operate with the alliance, thus adding to its strength.

The first statue of Queen Alexandra on English soil will be erected in the grounds of the London hospital, to commemorate the completion of the rebuilding operations, which have cost \$45,000. The sculptor will be George Wade, and the statue, which will be of bronze, will be of heroic size. It will cost \$1,500, and of this sum \$1,300 has been subscribed already by the committee, the staff and a few personal friends.

The determination of the president to enforce the Elkins statute, and the indictment by the federal courts of some of the offending railroad officials, have driven the railroads to cover. At a meeting of the officials of all the Western roads, recently held at Chicago, it was agreed thereafter to report every illegal act to the interstate commerce commission. The very railroads that had been denouncing reformers propose to turn informers themselves.

The four American Mormon settlements situated in the State of Chihuahua are in a prosperous condition. An official report was recently made to the federal government by the chief official of these four colonies. The largest of these colonies is Colonia Dublan, which has a population of 980 persons, who own 37,000 acres of land. These colonists have established a large flour mill, and also operate a lumber mill, a tannery and an iron foundry. Most of their land is in a high state of cultivation. The colonists are also extensive fruit growers.

An interesting young lady from China bids fair soon to be one of the most observed figures in the social world at Washington. She is Miss Liang-Cheng, daughter of Sir Chentung Liang-Cheng, the present Chinese minister to the United States, who has become quite as popular in this country as was his predecessor, Mr. Wu Ting-fang. Miss Liang-Cheng is to make her debut at the national capital this winter, and she will be the first high-born woman of her race to enter American society. Her husband's life has been somewhat secluded.

The fibre paper on which currency notes are printed is manufactured especially for the government by a Massachusetts concern. It costs 43 cents a pound. The short silk threads, which are its most distinguishing marks, are introduced at a certain point in a manner unknown outside the factory, this forming the greatest insurance against successful counterfeiting. When shipped from the paper mill each sheet has been counted twice. Yet, upon their receipt at Washington, all the sheets are again counted twice and examined for flaws.

Mineral products are so abundant and varied in the United States that the figures almost stagger belief. Every day adds to the grand total. Recent tests made by government mineralogists at Portland, Ore., of the black sands of the Snake and Columbia rivers show them to be of good value, containing gold, platinum, and other metals in paying quantities. Besides, they are rich in iron of the best sort for making the finest of spring steel. Nothing has been found that excels it for hair-springs for watches and edged tools of high grade.

TOWN HALL, ALGECIRAS.



BUILDING IN WHICH MOROCCO CONFERENCE MEETS.

MARSHALL FIELD FUNERAL

Laid to Rest Without Pomp or Ostentation.

Business Throughout Chicago Was Largely Suspended During the Funeral Hours.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Funeral services for Marshall Field were held Friday at his late home, 1905 Prairie avenue, and the First Presbyterian church. The services at the home were held at 11 o'clock and were characterized by simplicity and brevity, and none but those immediately connected with the family and household was in attendance.

The service at the church was an hour later, and was attended by many friends of Mr. Field. This service, too, was private, and admission to the church was only by card.

The services at the church consisted of a prayer by Dr. Morrison, the reading of a portion of the Scriptures, and the rendition of two hymns: "Lead, Kindly Light," and "I Am Near Home."

In the afternoon a memorial service was held in the Auditorium, which was packed to the doors by the employees of Marshall Field & Co. Rev. John A. Morrison, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiated at all three services. The body of Mr. Field was placed in the vault at Graceland cemetery directly after the second service of the day.

At the cemetery only the pall-bearers and members of the family were present. The management of the cemetery, in order to avoid the crowding of the grounds, had given notice that during the afternoon no one would be permitted in the grounds, with the exception of the members of the funeral parties. Final arrangements for the interment of the body of Mr. Field will be made later.

Never before in the history of Chicago has such respect been paid to the memory of a private citizen as was shown to that of Mr. Field. During the hours of the funeral services, all of the large retail establishments on State street were closed, as were the 1,000 enterprises operated by the members of the Chicago Commercial club in all parts of the city.

FRANCE'S NEW PRESIDENT

M. Fallieres Elected By the Assembly by 416 Votes Against 371 For M. Daumer.

Paris, Jan. 18.—The national assembly met Wednesday afternoon in the Congress hall of the national palace at Versailles for the election of a president of the republic. The assembly consisted nominally of 591 deputies and 300 senators, but owing to deaths, illness and the passage of some of the deputies to the senate, leaving their seats vacant, the number present was decreased to about 860, making 430 votes necessary to elect a new president.

The greatest interest was manifested in the proceedings, which, however, were very prolonged. The members of the assembly voted in alphabetical order. Those waiting their turn discussed excitedly the prospects of their favorites.

The vote resulted: M. Fallieres, 446; M. Doumer, 371.

JOHN J. MILLER ACQUITTED

He Was Charged With Giving False Testimony Regarding Alleged Weighing Frauds.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 20.—John Jay Miller, a live stock man, was acquitted by a jury in the criminal court here of the charge of giving false testimony before the grand jury which is investigating alleged weighing frauds at the Kansas City stock yards. During the trial of Miller it was brought out that certain weighers at the stock yards entered into a conspiracy with certain stockmen to defraud buyers and sellers at the yards, both by overweighing and underweighing live stock. As the result of the grand jury's investigation several weighers and stockmen beside Miller were indicted.

Prayers for Schools and Colleges.

Philadelphia, Jan. 18.—The general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States has appointed January 25 as the day of prayer for schools and colleges throughout the country. Special prayer will be offered for the spiritual welfare of the eighteen million pupils in the public and private educational institutions.

Mount Pelee Survivor Dead.

Carlyle, Ill., Jan. 18.—Charles L. Peters, aged 24, died here of lung trouble, contracted by his experience at Martinique during the famous eruption

Six Charges of Hazing.

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 18.—The charges on which Midshipman Chester A. A. Bloebaum, of St. Charles, Mo., cadet at the naval academy here, is to be court-martialed include six separate instances of hazing.

South's Largest Cotton Mills Fail.

Wesson, Miss., Jan. 18.—The Mississippi cotton mills here, the largest in the south, have gone into the hands of a receiver. The bonded debt is \$300,000, but it is believed all obligations will be met.

KANSAS TREASURY SHORT

Accountant Morris' Report to Gov. Hoch Indicates a Shortage of About \$78,000.

Topeka, Kas., Jan. 18.—A total shortage in the Kansas state treasury of about \$78,000 is shown by the report of Accountant Morris in the treasury examination just closed, according to the summary of the report prepared by Gov. E. W. Hoch, made public late Tuesday afternoon. The report covers all the transactions made by the state treasury from January 1, 1898, to June 30, 1905, including the two full terms of former State Treasurer Frank Grimes and one term and six months of the administration of Thomas T. Kelly, the present state treasurer. The larger part of the shortage appears in the accounts of the office during the Grimes administration. Of the total of \$78,000, \$50,000 is due to missing coupons from bonds owned by the state school fund, and \$18,000 due to the loss of interest on warrants issued by the territory of Oklahoma to the state of Kansas.

THE HOLLISTER TRAGEDY

New Light on the Terrible Tragedy That Recently Shocked Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Mrs. Frank C. Hollister, whose brutal murder by Richard Evans has aroused Chicago, was held a prisoner in an empty house in Montana street, for hours before she was killed, by a gang of five young hoodlums, of which her slayer was one, according to a story which has just been told the police.

The story, which is one of convincing detail, confirms the theory upon which Mrs. Hollister's family and the members of the Wesley church, in the choir of which she sang, have insisted from the first. The story was told to a friend by one of the degenerate youths, while in his cups, who had taken part in the attack upon the woman.

BURIED TREASURE FOUND

Alleged Find of Two Kansas Men Near Phoenix Mound, Where It Has Laid Since 1848.

Emporia, Kas., Jan. 20.—Marion Turner and Otto Freshwater, Emporia men, claim to have found buried treasure to the value of \$100,000 in or near Phoenix Mound, southwest of Emporia. Part of the treasure, they say, is in gold coin and the remainder in lead bearing quartz. The treasure is said to have been buried in 1848, by three men who were on their way east from California when surrounded by Indians.

A PECULIAR DEVELOPMENT

Charles A. Edwards, Victim of Murder or Suicide at New Haven, Conn., Had Queer Associates.

New York, Jan. 18.—Discovery that Charles A. Edwards, the wealthy merchant of this city, whose mysterious violent death at New Haven, Conn., two weeks ago caused a great sensation, was a business friend and partner of James Henry ("Doc") Langley, a notorious ex-convict and confidence man, has astounded his friends. Also, it has opened up a possible explanation of the murder, if murder it really was.

SMALLPOX AT ALGECIRAS

Knowledge of Its Existence Has Caused a Flutter Among the Diplomats.

Algeciras, Spain, Jan. 19.—Active telegraphing is going on between the ambassadors and their respective capitals. Something of a flutter was caused among the diplomats, Thursday, by the news that smallpox exists here. Rear-Admiral Slesboe, who learned this fact from the authorities at Gibraltar, issued an order forbidding any one belonging to his squadron to go ashore at Algeciras.

Charles B. Sawyer, Cartoonist.

Muskegon, I. T., Jan. 19.—Chas. H. Sawyer, at one time United States consul to Canada and formerly assistant United States attorney of the northern district in Indian territory, died at his home in this city, aged 55. Sawyer was a cartoonist and author of note.

Cleveland Is Growing Old.

New York, Jan. 19.—Paul Morton, asked about Mr. Cleveland's illness, said: "The truth is, Mr. Cleveland is getting to be an old man. He has of late had trouble with his digestive organs."

"Here's Hoping," Says Roosevelt.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 19.—"Rough Rider" Gov. Francis received this message from President Roosevelt: "Have just read your address. It covers the ground. You will deliver the goods. Here's hoping."

Boy Cremated Infant Brother.

Appleton, Wis., Jan. 19.—Carl, the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schultz, covered his 8-month-old brother with paper, and then applied a match. The little fellow was burned to death.

EIGHTEEN PERSONS DEAD

NEARLY TWO SCORE OF OTHERS WERE INJURED.

Fearful Results of an Alarm of Fire in a Negro Baptist Church in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Jan. 22.—A wild panic following a loud shriek of "fire" brought death to 18 colored persons and injuries to nearly two score of others Sunday night in St. Paul's Baptist church on the west side of Eighth street, between Poplar street and Girard avenue. The terrible rush to gain the streets was of brief duration, and that more were not killed in the stampede was probably due to the fact that the church was not crowded. At the time the disaster occurred not more than 300 persons were on the second floor of the building, which, with the gallery, was capable of accommodating 600 to 700. The fire was a trifling one, and was extinguished before the firemen arrived. The smell of smoke added to the panic, and despite the heroic work of Rev. E. W. Johnson, the pastor of the church, who tried in vain to allay the fears of the frightened worshippers, the terror-stricken people made a desperate rush to leave the church, only to be choked up on the narrow stairway. Those in the rear leaped over the prostrate forms of those who fell, and when the rush was over 18 lay dead on the first floor and stairs of the building. Death in nearly every case was due to suffocation or trampling.

The terrific crush on the stairs leading from the gallery became so great that the balustrade, which was only a frail, wooden affair, gave way. There was a terrific crush as half a hundred persons were precipitated to the floor below.

FIRE FOLLOWS EXPLOSION

Panic in a Chicago Hotel Following a Fatal Explosion in the Boiler Room.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—A panic among the guests of the Windmere hotel, Fifty-sixth street and Cornell avenue, followed the explosion, Sunday, of a steam boiler in the basement, which resulted in the death of John Rapkovich, engineer, and the serious injury of Mrs. Seeta May, a guest. The explosion partly wrecked the hotel building and damaged adjacent residences and apartment buildings. The guests of the hotel were left in darkness by the destruction of the lighting plant and many were obliged to await the arrival of firemen, who battered down the doors of their apartments and released them. Fire followed the crash, but it was soon under control. The damage is estimated at \$15,000.

RARE AND ANCIENT RELIC

Gift to the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, By Visiting Chinese.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—Tuan Fang and Tai Hung-Chi, the Chinese high commissioners, left Chicago at eight o'clock Sunday night for the east. They will spend today in Pittsburgh and will arrive in Washington Tuesday morning. Before leaving Chicago, Tuan Fang made known his desire to present to the Field museum of natural history a rare and ancient Chinese stone tablet similar to one in the Japanese imperial museum in Tokio. There are said to be three of the tablets in existence, the third being in the palace of Tuan Fang.

CAUGHT IN SAN FRANCISCO

Alfred W. Syrett, Wanted in St. Louis for Forgery, Arrested by a Detective.

San Francisco, Jan. 22.—Detective T. P. Riordan arrested Alfred W. Syrett on orders from Chief Kieley of St. Louis. It is charged that on a check drawn on the Jefferson bank, St. Louis, to which he had forged the name of a prominent citizen, Syrett secured \$500. He will be held pending the arrival of an officer from St. Louis.

Syrett was residing with friends here. He says he will not fight extradition, and is more anxious to return to St. Louis and clear things up than the officers are to have him. He claims to have been associated with the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. and to have also conducted a business of his own under the name of the Maple Green Realty Co.

LABOR WENT FOR NAUGHT

Robbers Tunnel Through Eleven Feet of Rock into a Topeka Bank But Got Nothing.

Topeka, Kas., Jan. 22.—A bold attempt to rob the vaults and safes of the Merchants' national bank of Topeka was discovered Sunday. The robbers had commenced work in the basement and tunneled through 11 feet of solid rock to the floor of the vaults effecting an entrance. They had made an attempt to wreck the safes some time Saturday night, but their efforts had failed.

Bishop John C. Keener Dead.

New Orleans, Jan. 22.—Bishop John C. Keener, senior bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, died suddenly of heart disease. He had been retired for many years, but his forcefulness was still felt in the councils of the church.

Hall to Investigate Convicts Escape.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 22.—Warden Hall of the penitentiary went to Joplin to investigate the escape of convicts Frank and Daly, which was made in Jasper county about midnight Thursday.

Miner Evangelist Saving Souls.

Irving, Ill., Jan. 22.—Evangelist Dan A. Shannon, formerly a coal miner, is holding a revival here, and the whole town is throbbing with the excitement of religious fervor. His meetings last for hours at a time, and scores have been converted.

Little Girl Burned to Death.

Carmel, Ill., Jan. 22.—Hattie Rebstock, aged eight, daughter of John Rebstock, was horribly burned while making a fire with kerosene oil. Death resulted.

OVER HALF MILLION SHORT

Week of the Tannet Shoe Co. in St. Louis Grows Worse the Deeper It is Probed.

St. Louis, Jan. 20.—Following a joint committee meeting of creditors and stockholders of the Tannet Shoe Company, Friday, at which the startling revelation of a deficit of \$583,630 between assets and liabilities was made, a firm of expert accountants was installed to ascertain what became of this half a million. Legal proceedings will probably depend on the findings.

A sorrowful phase of the concern's methods was discovered in the fact that old and confiding employees had been induced to subscribe \$100,000 to common stock, now said to be worthless.

The total liabilities of the firm as ascertained at this time are as follows: Preferred stock, \$500,000; common stock, \$300,000; deficit between actual assets and amount set forth in company's statements to Little and Hays, \$223,878; total, \$1,023,878. To meet these obligations there is left in assets stock valued at \$437,878.

A NEGRO'S TERRIBLE CRIME

Miss Florence W. Allison, Spinster, Assaulted and Murdered by a Negro Near Moorestown, N. J.

Moorestown, N. J., Jan. 19.—Miss Florence W. Allison, about 35 years of age, who was living in the farm house on the country seat of Mrs. E. R. Strawbridge, near here, was found dead in the stable, Thursday, with a strap fastened about her throat and her skull crushed. Beside the body lay the club with which she had been killed. The only other occupant of the house at the time was Bessie Walker, a child six years of age, from whom it was learned that a tall negro had called at the house a few minutes after Miss Allison had gone to the stable to feed the cow. He told the child to go into the attic and play and she did so. Then he ransacked the house, securing some jewelry and money. The negro then went to the stable, and after assaulting Miss Allison killed her and made his escape.

SHOWED THEM NO MERCY

The Strong Hand of the Law Dealt Out Severe Justice to Chicago Criminals.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—The law laid an iron hand, Friday, on offenders of the class who have terrorized Chicago recently by their armed holdups and attacks on women. In one case an octogenarian, in spite of the plea of his attorneys that his life race was nearly run, was sentenced to 99 years in the penitentiary. In another court three youths under 19 were sentenced to prison for life after having been convicted of an armed robbery. No mercy because of his great age was shown Nicholas Holland, when he was found guilty of attacking a little girl, and although 85 years old, he was given a sentence that if he could live that long would free him from prison at the age of 185.

BIG BLAZE AT QUINCY, ILL.

The J. B. Schoo Saddlery Co.'s Plant and Other Buildings Burned At a Loss of \$300,000.

Quincy, Ill., Jan. 19.—Fire which, Thursday, started in the livery stable of Fred E. Harst destroyed the huge plant of the J. B. Schoo Saddlery Co., consisting of five brick buildings ranging from three to five stories in height. Flames spread across the street and almost completely destroyed the city hall, a handsome building, four stories in height. The wholesale store of the Aldo-Sommer Drug Co. was badly damaged by fire and water. Several persons were slightly injured by the falling walls of the school building. Eight horses were burned in the Harst stables. The total loss exceeds \$300,000; insurance is nearly equal.

The city records were in the vaults and are believed to be preserved.

NEBRASKA PRAIRIE FIRES

Nearly Five Hundred Square Miles of Ranch Lands in Western Nebraska Swept Clean.

Sidney, Neb., Jan. 19.—Nearly 500 square miles of prairie ranch lands were Thursday and Thursday night burned over by the worst prairie fire seen in western Nebraska for a decade. Now there are only burned stubble and wrecks of ranches where last week there was one of the finest grazing and agricultural districts in all western Nebraska.

While many houses were destroyed, there has been no reported loss of life, although entire families may have been wiped out in the burned districts.

Thousands of head of livestock are dead and the barren prairie is scattered with their carcasses, while many houses are wrecked and the occupants are homeless.

Quito in Rebels' Hands.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Jan. 20.—It is rumored here that Gen. Eloy Alfaro, the former president of Ecuador and leader of the revolution against President Garcia, has occupied Quito, the capital after defeating the government troops.

Senator Depew's Health Impaired.

New York, Jan. 20.—Senator Chauncey M. Depew, whose health is said to be impaired, was in consultation, Friday, with several physicians and it was announced that he had cancelled all his social engagements.

Victims of a Runaway.

Ottawa, Ill., Jan. 20.—Mrs. J. F. Quafie, and her 13-year-old daughter, lost their lives by being thrown into the Illinois river two miles from here, Friday, by a runaway horse plunging over an embankment. The body of the daughter has not been found.

Want American Money.

Havana, Jan. 20.—Some of the employees of the Cuban Central railroad declared a strike Friday because the company would not agree to pay their wages in American money.

REWARD FOR A STOLEN BOY

Five Hundred Dollars Will Be Paid For His Return and No Questions Asked.

St. Louis, Jan. 23.—The newspapers of the Wabash, Ohio and Mississippi valleys have inaugurated a search for the lost son of Dr. S. L. Byers, of Seelyville, Ind. Publishers reading this item are requested to reprint it and give it as wide circulation as possible. It is felt that if all do so, the child will be restored to his father. The child was stolen from home one year ago last May, and the father has searched day after day, far and wide, without success. He believes that his son can be found among traveling horse dealers, so called horse traders or movers, by genuine gypsies. He thinks he was taken by a wandering hand that used him for the purpose of begging in the towns along the route.

Richmond Byers, if alive, was six years old last July, is of light complexion, has gray eyes, left eye noticeably crossed, has a small V shaped nick in the edge of the left ear, has a sharp chin and a narrow, projecting forehead. He was rather small for his age and was unusually bright and intelligent, taking after the manner of a boy much older.

There is a reward of \$500, awaiting any information that will lead to the boy's recovery. No questions will be asked, and if the abductor himself would deliver the boy to his parents he would not be molested. The bereaved parents are heart broken with grief and want only their child.

ONLY ONE OFFICER SAVED

The Brazilian Warship Aquidaban Sunk and Nearly Two Hundred Lives Lost.

Rio Janeiro, Brazil, Jan. 23.—The Brazilian turret ship Aquidaban has been sunk at Port Jacarepagua, south of Rio Janeiro, as the result of an explosion on board.

It is reported that 196 of her crew perished and that only one officer was saved. Thirty-six were injured.

Four rear admirals perished on board the Aquidaban, which has been used for the accommodation of a number of supernumerary officers and men attached to the flotilla escorting the cruiser Barro.

The Burroso had on board the minister of marine and his staff, who were inspecting the sites proposed for a new arsenal.

The explosion on the Aquidaban occurred in the powder magazine.

The Aquidaban was of 4,950 tons displacement and 6,300 horsepower. She was built in England in 1885, at a cost of \$1,725,000. She had five torpedo tubes. Her crew numbered 250 officers and men.

REES LEE STRIKES A SNAG

The Big Ohio and Mississippi Steamer Sinks Near Tiptonville, Tennessee.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 23.—The Rees Lee, one of the largest boats of the Lee line, sank Monday morning about 10:30 near Slough's landing, a few miles north of Tiptonville, Tenn. No lives were lost.

The boat had just made a landing and was backing out when she struck a snag and sank in five feet of water.

The Rees Lee left Cincinnati Wednesday and was due to arrive in Memphis Monday afternoon. At the time of the accident she was carrying 200 tons of miscellaneous freight to be delivered between Tiptonville and Memphis.

A boat was sent out to aid the distressed vessel and took off all the passengers and crew. It is believed that most of the cargo will be saved. Officials of the Lee line here state that the vessel will be raised and repaired.

YOUTH WITH A STILETTO

Seven Women and Girls Stabbed On the Streets of St. Louis Monday Evening.

St. Louis, Jan. 23.—Seven women and girls, one 57 years old, and all of whom are employed downtown in various capacities, were the victims, Monday night, of a mysterious "Jack the Cutter." Each victim was stabbed in some part of the body with a sharp, double-edged instrument. The assaults all occurred on crowded streets between the hours of five and seven o'clock.

The seven victims of the mysterious young man are: Miss Clara Von Behren, 24 years old; Miss Mary Tilley, 18; Miss Grace Oglesby, 23; Miss Rita Martin, 20; Miss Cora Davis, 25; Miss Maud Hall, 22, and Mrs. Martha Young, 57.

The police are completely puzzled over the appearance of the mysterious youth. The general opinion among the officers working on the case is that the young man is insane, but he appears to be sane enough to keep out of the clutches of the officers.

Cardinal Gotti Dying.

Rome, Jan. 23.—Cardinal Gotti, prefect of the propaganda, who has been seriously ill of pneumonia for some days, is dying.

Lost His Cigar.

Hotel Ormond, Fla., Jan. 23.—Chas. Hamilton, the sky pilot, fell 300 feet with his aeroplane here, after colliding with a flag pole on the bath house near the beach. The first thing he said after landing was: "I have lost my cigar." He was unhurt.

Ex-Congressman Dead.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 23.—Ex-Congressman Thomas Y. Fitzpatrick, who represented the Tenth Kentucky district in the Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth congresses, died in this city after a long illness.

Fell Two Thousand Feet.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 23.—Lindsay Cooper, an aeronaut of Clarinda, O., traveling with a carnival show exhibiting at Wolfe City, fell from his balloon at that place, a distance of 2,000 feet, and was instantly killed.

Carnegie Library Burned.

Huntsville, Ala., Jan. 23.—The new Carnegie library at the agricultural and mechanical college for negroes at Normal, Ala., was burned Monday. The loss is estimated at \$25,000. The blaze started from the furnace.

STATE HAPPENINGS.

Carrington's Annual Report.

Jefferson City—In the fifty-fifth annual report of the state superintendent of public schools, which is now in hands of the printer, the claim is made by Superintendent Carrington that no other state is making such rapid and substantial progress in public school work as Missouri. He asserts that such progress in the last seven years has been very noticeable along two lines: First, better buildings, better equipment and better supplies of all kinds enable teachers to do better work